

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:
at least one base station, each base station operative in communicating an incoming communication directed to, and an outgoing communication originated by, each ~~at least one~~ wireless terminal located within a given range of said each ~~the at least one~~ base station; and
a base station rules ~~at least one~~ database comprising representations of rules for restriction on features of said each ~~the at least one~~ wireless terminal wirelessly connected to said each ~~the at least one~~ base station, wherein the restriction for at least one said each ~~of the at least one~~ wireless terminal is dependent on a [[the]] specific corresponding said ~~one of the at least one~~ base station, and wherein said base station rules ~~the at least one~~ database is accessed (i) in response to an incoming communication directed to a wirelessly connected said each ~~the at least one of the at least one~~ wireless terminal located within said [[a]] given range of said specific corresponding ~~the at least one~~ base station, and/or (ii) in response to an outgoing communication originated by said wirelessly connected each ~~the at least one of the at least one~~ wireless terminal located within said [[a]] given range of said specific corresponding ~~the at least one~~ base station.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on the time of day.
3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on the priority of said each ~~the at least one~~ wireless terminal.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is incoming or outgoing.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is designated as an emergency.

6. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one wirelessly connected [[the]] wireless terminal is a wireless telephone.

7. (Currently amended) The system in claim 1, wherein a [[the]] restriction on features is that a corresponding [[the]] terminal may not ring.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

determining which one of a plurality of terminals is associated with an incoming communication, and whether the one of a plurality of terminals is connected to a base station that is selectively operative in communicating incoming communications directed to the one of a plurality of terminals;

accessing, in response to the incoming communication and in the event of the one of a plurality of terminals being connected to said base station, at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on the base station connected to the one of a plurality of terminals, the restriction on the base station being independent of the specific identity of the one of a plurality of terminals; and

activating the one of a plurality of terminals if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the base station.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of accessing the at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on the one of a plurality of terminals, and wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the one of a plurality of terminals.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the allowance does not depend on the location of the at least one terminal.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the communication is designated as an emergency.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the restriction on the base station is time-dependent.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the allowance depends at least on the format of communication.

15. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the one of a plurality of terminals is a wireless telephone.

16. (Original) The system in claim 9, wherein the restriction on the base station is that the base station may not cause the one of a plurality of terminals to ring.

17. (Previously presented) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

accessing at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on a base station in response to the base station receiving a signal from a terminal associated with a request for an outgoing communication by the terminal, the restriction on the base station being independent of the specific identity of the one of a plurality of terminals; and

connecting the terminal for the outgoing communication if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the base station.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of accessing the at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on the terminal, and wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the terminal.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the terminal is inside a predetermined room.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the communication is designated as an emergency.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the restriction on the base station is time-dependent.

22. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance depends at least on the format of communication.

23. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the terminal is a wireless telephone.

24. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance does not depend on the location of terminal.

25. (Currently amended) The system in claim 1, wherein said base station rules database determines whether the rules apply depends at least on whether each ~~the at least one~~ terminal is wirelessly connected to ~~the at least one~~ selected base station but is otherwise independent of ~~does not depend on~~ the location of said each ~~the at least one~~ terminal.

26. (Currently amended) The system in claim 1, wherein the restriction on features further depends on the specific wirelessly connected said each wireless ~~at least one of the at least one~~ terminal.

27. (Currently amended) The system in claim 1 wherein the restriction on features includes a restriction invoked by said each ~~the at least one~~ base station independent of the specific identity of the wirelessly connected said each wireless ~~at least one~~ terminal.

28. (Currently amended) A system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:
a plurality of base stations;
a base station rules database with ~~at least one database, at least one of the databases~~
~~comprising~~ representations of rules for restriction on at least two ~~of said plurality of~~ base stations, the rules of restriction indicating whether or not each ~~[[the]]~~ base station subjects a

communication received by the base station to a restriction that is independent of the specific identity of the communication originating device and independent of the specific identity of the communication destination device, wherein at least one of the communication originating device and the communication destination device is a wireless terminal within a coverage area of the base station; and

wherein said base station rules ~~the at least one~~ database is accessed (i) in response to an incoming communication directed to the wireless terminal located within the coverage area of the base station, and/or (ii) in response to an outgoing communication originated by the wireless terminal located within the coverage area of the base station.

29. (Currently amended) A system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:

at least one base station, each base station operative in communicating an incoming communication directed to, and an outgoing communication originated by, each ~~at least one~~ wireless terminal located within a given range of said each ~~the at least one~~ base station; and

a base station rules ~~at least one~~ database comprising representations of rules for restriction on features of each said ~~at least one~~ wireless terminal wirelessly connected to said each ~~the at least one~~ base station, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is designated as an emergency, and wherein said base station rules ~~the at least one~~ database is accessed (i) in response to an incoming communication directed to a wirelessly connected said each ~~the at least one of the at least one~~ wireless terminal located within said ~~[[a]]~~ given range of said specific corresponding ~~the at least one~~ base station, and/or (ii) in response to an outgoing communication originated by said wirelessly connected each ~~the at least one of the at least one~~ wireless terminal located within said ~~[[a]]~~ given range of said specific corresponding ~~the at least one~~ base station.

30. (Previously presented) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

determining which one of a plurality of terminals is associated with an incoming communication, and whether the one of a plurality of terminals is connected to a base station that is selectively operative in communicating incoming communications directed to the one of a plurality of terminals;

accessing, in response to the incoming communication and in the event of the one of a plurality of terminals being connected to said base station, at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on the base station connected to the one of a plurality of terminals; and

activating the one of a plurality of terminals if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the communication is designated as an emergency.

31. (Previously presented) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

accessing at least one database to look up rules governing restriction on a base station in response to the base station receiving a signal from a terminal associated with a request for an outgoing communication by the terminal; and

connecting the terminal for the outgoing communication if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the communication is designated as an emergency.